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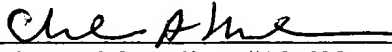
Reconsideration of the application is requested in view of the amendments to the claims and the remarks presented herein.

The claims in the application are claims 3, 9, 10 and 12 to 14, all other claims having been cancelled. Claim 3 stands allowed and the remaining claims have been rejected on formal matters only.

Claims 9 and 10 have been amended to correct the point of attachment of -SO₂- and to insert "Z" therein which was inadvertently omitted. Claim 3 has been amended to limit X to -CH₂-. Claim 14 has been amended to cancel the last species on page 14 of the previous amendment. Claim 14 is properly dependent on Claim 10 as the first part of the compounds is where W is hydrogen and the second part is for compounds wherein W is -(Y)-C-X-R. Therefore, the claims comply with 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph.

In view of the amendments to the claims and the above remarks, it is believed that the claims clearly point out Applicants' patentable invention and favorable reconsideration of the application is requested.

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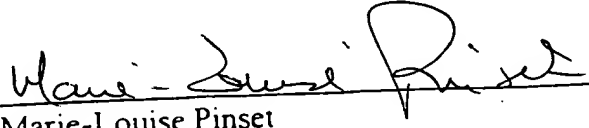
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